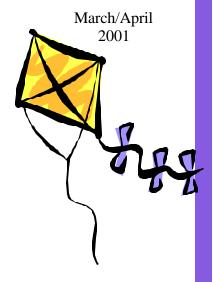


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## WIC Works has a New Look

The WIC Works Resource System Web site has a new look. To see it visit www.nal.usda.gov/ wicworks

What's new about the site you ask? We have a new front page and the content has been reorganized to make the site easier to use. We have also added lots of new things to site.

A major new section is the WIC Topics A-Z. You can access this from the

icon on the home page. Topics A-Z has seven topics areas listed now, but look for this section to grow quickly in the coming months. As always we welcome your comments.

The WIC-Talk e-mail discussion group continues to grow. We currently have over 550 members. If you haven't signed on already you can do so from the WIC Works

home page. Simply choose "WIC-Talk" and enter your information. The discussion has been informative and helpful. Would you like to contribute to WIC Works? Contact us at:

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# **Upcoming Meetings/Events**

The National Association of WIC Directors Annual Conference will be held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, May 6 - 9, 2001. According to the Web site "the conference planning committee has worked extremely hard to prepare an informative and enriching agenda to make sure the services we deliver through WIC

are second to none." To download registration information see the NAWD web site: www. wicdirectors.org/ click on "annual conference".

Intensive Course in Pediatric Nutrition from the Department of Pediatrics, University of Iowa, May 7-11, 2001 in Iowa City, Iowa. The curriculum is designed primarily for health professionals working with infants and toddlers. Thirty-three credits from the American Dietetic Association are available. Non-refundable course fee: \$200.00. For application and information contact: Ekhard E. Ziegler, M.D., 319-356-3636 or www.medicine.uiowa.edu/
PediatricNutrition/.

# BRECHTEDEA

As promised in the last issue of WIC Works Headlines, we continue to showcase various state agencies that have Web sites with unique qualities. This month we focus on Texas and California. Two large states that have done a wonderful job with their WIC sites.

#### Texas

The Texas site is located at

#### www.tdh.state.tx.us/wichd/.

Here you will find an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) section, downloadable nutrition education fact sheets on a wide variety of topics, complete breastfeeding lesson plans, a listing of employment opportunities, and the entire Texas WIC policy and procedure manual updated in October 2000.

#### California

This spotlight site is located at: www.wicworks.ca.gov. It contains a section of vendor information, a calendar of events, a listing of available jobs searchable by job title and geographic area, and a career development center with frequently asked questions on becoming a registered dietitian. It also contains information about WIC for the general public.

# Did you know...

Electronic newsletters are a great way to receive interesting and important nutrition information.

Some electronic newsletters come via e-mail and some are available on the Web. Did you know that WIC Works Headlines is e-mailed to all state nutrition and breast-feeding coordinators? And is available as a portable document file (PDF) on the WIC Works Web site: www.nal.usda.gov/wicworks/Sharing\_Center/newsletters.html

Other electronic newsletters you might want to investigate include:

Food Reflections - (http://www.ianr.unl.edu/ianr/lanco/family/archives.htm) A free monthly email newsletter from the University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County. Food

Reflections provides a "how-to" message on food, nutrition, and food safety for health professionals, educators, and consumers. Topics vary widely from month to month. Issues contain links to other web related resources.

### Healthy Generations - (www. epi.umn.edu/mch/ HealthyGenerations/hga.html)

A large scale effort to share the resources available through the Maternal and Child Health Division at the University of Minne-



sota. The Healthy Generations series occurs three times a year and is focused around a specific topic. Each series consists of three parts; the publication, a statewide video conference and the Healthy Generations Web site complete with power point presentations and downloadable fact sheets.

# Feeding Kids Newsletter - (www. nutritionforkids.com/

Subscribe2.htm) This bi-monthly newsletter is developed by Connie Evers at Nutrition for Kids and sponsored by 24-Carrot Press. The newsletter is available via email, as well as on the Web. Topics include Nutrition 101, Ask Connie, News in Brief, Mom's Corner, Teacher Tips and a For Kids Only section. The Web site contains ordering information on other 24-Carrot Press merchandise.

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